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sented his report to the sanitary board under date of June 25, in which he states he has not found any Yersin bacilli in the microscopical examination of the different organs of the bodies of persons suspected to have died from bubonic plague. This statement of Dr. Nicol has not convinced all who are interested in the question. Among these is the Bulgarian Government, which has decided that the 67 Bulgarian pilgrims who have just arrived from Mecca after undergoing the above-mentioned ten and five days' quarantine, shall not be allowed to enter the Bulgarian territory, not even if they undergo a new quarantine.

On the 27th instant the sanitary physician at Beirut, Syria, wired that at the villages of Cafasdunin and Horbet-Salem, near Beirut, many inhabitants fell ill with alarming symptoms of diarrhea and vomit. One death has already been reported as caused by this illness. Said sanitary physician has been ordered to go to the above-mentioned villages and report about the fact.

Official sanitary news from Trebizond states that an epidemic of measles is prevailing at the latter town.

The number of deaths registered in Constantinople from the 13th to the 27th instant is 373. Of these, 10 are due to measles, 5 to diphtheria, 10 to smallpox, and 10 to typhoid fever. This number of 373 deaths registered within fourteen days shows a very low mortality. This is due certainly to the good health which Constantinople enjoys at the moment, but we must take into consideration that a great number among the inhabitants of this town move to the surrounding villages, the authorities of which do not report to the sanitary board the number of deaths occurring there. I have already drawn the attention of the International Sanitary Commission to said cause of error at its yesterday's meeting, and I hope that in its next issue the death-rate returns will present the number of deaths occurring in said villages, the Princes Islands, for instance, Makrikioi, Cartel, etc.

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STATISTICAL REPORTS.

BERMUDA.—Two weeks ended July 5, 1898. Estimated population, 1,600. Total number of deaths, 2.

FRANCE—*Marseilles*.—Month of June, 1898. Population, 447,344. Total number of deaths, 727, including diphtheria, 4; enteric fever, 14; scarlet fever, 2, and 1 from smallpox.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended July 2 correspond to an annual rate of 14.9 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378. The highest rate was recorded in Sunderland, viz, 22.8, and the lowest in Preston, viz, 9.0.

London.—One thousand two hundred and fifty-six deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 48; scarlet fever, 12; diphtheria, 28; whooping cough, 42; enteric fever, 10, and diarrhea and dysentery, 22. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 14.5 a thousand. In greater London 1,624 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 13.2 a thousand of the popu-

lation. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 6 from measles, 11 from diphtheria, 1 from scarlet fever, and 18 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended July 2 in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 21.3 a thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Carrickfergus and Dundalk, viz, 0.0, and the highest in Tralee, viz, 67.2 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 146 deaths were registered, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 4; scarlet fever, 2; and whooping cough, 1.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended July 2 correspond to an annual rate of 21.1 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,568,536. The lowest mortality was recorded in Perth, viz, 13.6, and the highest in Paisley, viz, 25.5 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 635, including diphtheria, 4; measles, 41; scarlet fever, 5, and whooping cough, 35.

HUNGARY—*Budapest*.—Month of April. Estimated population, 640,000. Total number of deaths, 1,208.

Month of May. Total number of deaths, 1,039.

MALTA.—Two weeks ended June 15, 1898. Estimated population, 177,745. Total number of deaths, 179.

NICARAGUA—*San Juan del Norte*.—Month of June, 1898. Estimated population, 1,200. Total number of deaths, 3.

ST. HELENA.—Five weeks ended June 11, 1898. Estimated population, 4,000. Total number of deaths, 13. No deaths from contagious diseases.